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(S) Econoffs delivered ref points and background information on May 22 to Leoncio Hernandez, the Foreign Ministry's Director of the Department of Analysis Against Terrorist Activity, and Delia Villamonte, Director General of International Organizations and Conferences. Hernandez and Villamonte were non-commital on Panama's potential co-sponsorship of a UN Sanctions Committee decision to list the three individuals named in reftel as suspected terror financiers. Nonetheless, they said they would coordinate with relevant GOP entities to identify and freeze, as appropriate, financial assets these individuals might hold in Panama. Villamonte specifically mentioned Panama's National Security Council, Bank Superintendency, Financial Analysis Unit, Stock Market Commission, and the Public Registry as the entities most likely to have data on such assets. Hernandez and Villamonte confirmed that the GOP will advise if the GOP locates any assets held by the three and on any GOP steps taken regarding the same.

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